

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

Please replace the claims with the claims provided in the listing below wherein status, amendments, additions and cancellations are indicated.

1. (Currently Amended ) A crawler tractor, comprising  
a hydrostatic transmission for steering to rotate a machine body,  
wherein the hydrostatic transmission for steering has an input side is  
connected to a driving system at a position located downstream of ~~behind~~ a  
reverser mechanism having an output side, the reverser mechanism for switching  
between a forward first direction of movement [[or]] and a rearward second  
direction of movement of the machine body, wherein downstream refers to a  
direction of power transmission, and  
the hydrostatic transmission for steering has a control member connected  
to a steering wheel via a reduction gear and a link mechanism which are mounted  
to a single stay of a steering wheel column in a cantilever manner.

2. (Currently Amended) The crawler tractor according to claim 1,  
further comprising a gear-switching travel speed-change mechanism ~~of gear-~~  
~~switching type~~ for changing travel speed by changing a gear train, wherein an  
input side of the hydrostatic transmission for steering is operatively connected to a  
speed-change shaft of the travel speed-change mechanism.

3. (Canceled)

4. (Currently Amended) The crawler tractor according to claim 1 3, wherein the steering wheel column that is integrally equipped with the steering wheel and the link mechanism is supported by the machine body in a vibration-absorbing manner via a vibration-absorbing member.

5. (Currently Amended) A crawler tractor, comprising a hydrostatic transmission for steering to rotate a machine body ~~The crawler tractor according to claim 1, wherein~~

the hydrostatic transmission for steering has an input side connected to a driving system at a position located downstream of a reverser mechanism having an output side, the reverser mechanism for switching between a first direction of movement and a second direction of movement of the machine body, wherein downstream refers to a direction of power transmission,

the hydrostatic transmission for steering comprises a steering pump and a steering motor, and

the steering motor is connected to an input shaft of a planetary gear differential mechanism ~~of planetary gear type~~.

6. (Currently Amended) A crawler tractor comprising a hydrostatic transmission for steering to rotate a machine body ~~The crawler tractor according to claim 1,~~ wherein

the hydrostatic transmission for steering has an input side connected to a driving system at a position located downstream of a reverser mechanism having an output side, the reverser mechanism for switching between a first direction of movement and a second direction of movement of the machine body, wherein downstream refers to a direction of power transmission.

a control member of the hydrostatic transmission for steering is connected to a steering wheel via a link mechanism, and

an auxiliary speed-change lever of a travel speed-change mechanism is connected to the link mechanism so as to adjust operating amount of the hydrostatic transmission for steering when the auxiliary speed-change lever is operated for auxiliary speed change.

7. (Original) The crawler tractor according to claim 6, wherein relative to a certain steering amount of the steering wheel, a rotational difference between right and left traveling crawlers becomes large when the auxiliary speed change is at a high speed, and a rotational difference between the right and left traveling crawlers becomes small when the auxiliary speed change is at a low speed.

8-11. (Canceled)

12. (Original) The crawler tractor according to claim 1, wherein step parts where a driving operator gets on and fender parts are integrated, and provided on right and left sides separately.

13. (Currently Amended) The crawler tractor according to claim 12, wherein a fuel tank for an engine is mounted to one of right and left vehicle body frames that integrally ~~connecting~~ connect the steps where the driving operator gets on and the fenders.

14. (Currently Amended) The crawler tractor according to claim 5 ~~1~~, wherein ~~a travel speed-change mechanism for changing travel speed is operatively connected to the driving system at a position located behind the reverser mechanism~~ the hydrostatic transmission for changing travel speed includes a traveling pump and a traveling motor that are arranged separately to each other.

15. (Currently Amended) The crawler tractor according to claim 14, wherein the traveling pump and the steering pump ~~travel speed-change mechanism and the hydrostatic transmission for steering~~ are arranged in serial.

16. (Currently Amended) The crawler tractor according to claim 14, wherein the traveling motor and the steering motor ~~travel speed-change mechanism and the hydrostatic transmission for steering~~ are connected to a transmission case accommodating ~~having a~~ the differential mechanism of planetary gear type, so that as to be the traveling motor and the steering motor are arranged opposite each other with the transmission case being interposed therebetween ~~the travel speed-change mechanism and the hydrostatic transmission for steering~~.

17. (Original) The crawler tractor according to claim 12, wherein one fuel tank for an engine is disposed between the right and left fenders behind a driver seat, and another fuel tank or fuel tanks are disposed inside one or both of the right and left fenders.